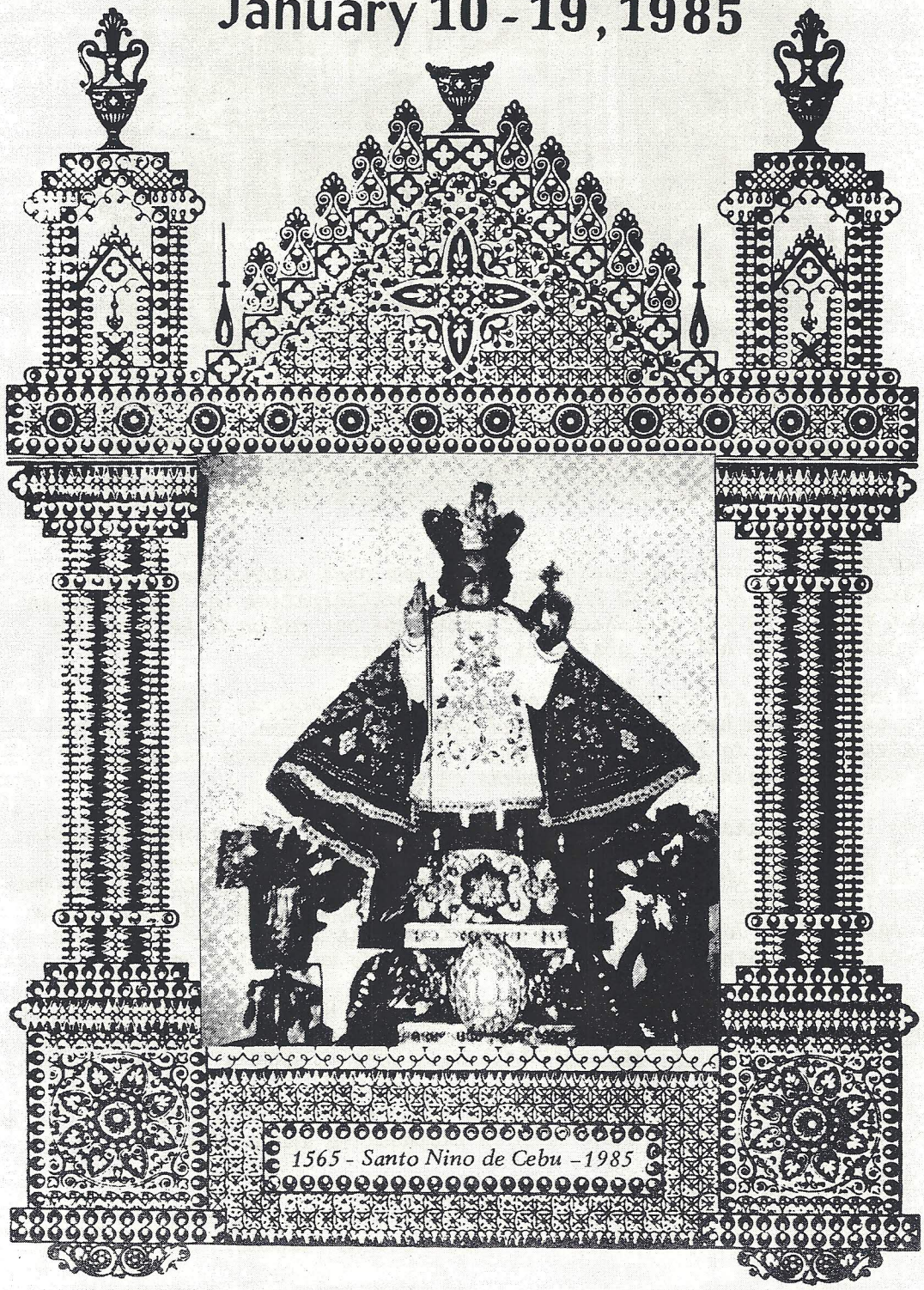
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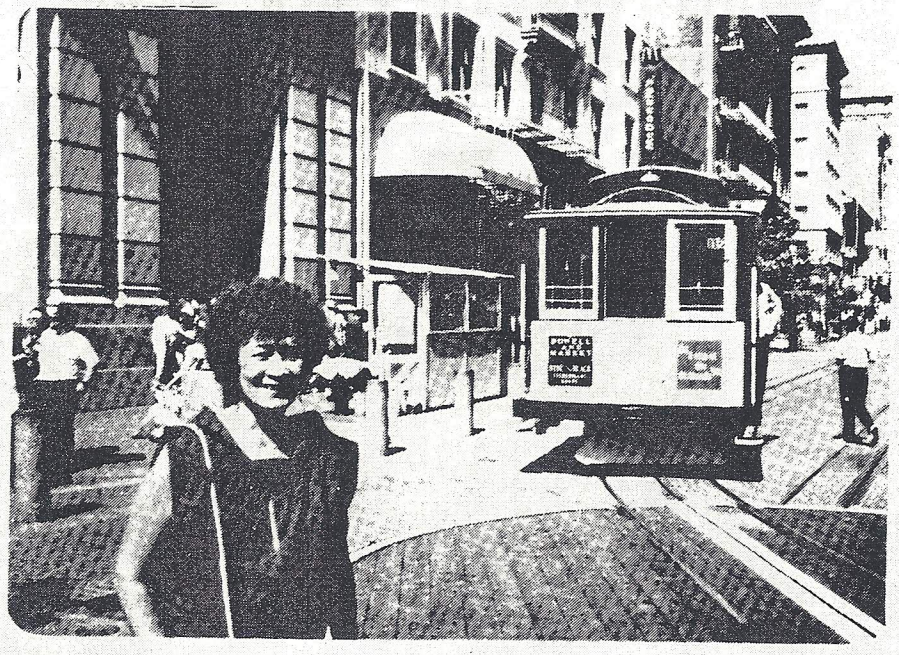
January 10 - 19, 1985



City Hall, Civic Center Plaza

San Francisco, California

MESSAGE



GREETINGS to each and everyone of you who once again, have honored the FIESTA OF THE SANTO NIÑO DE CEBU. Your participation has indeed given so much meaning to the occassion which has kept our cultural heritage up high regardless of all the obstacles we did overcome.

I would like to congratulate our younger generations, who, in this year's celebration have taken the lead for the occassion. Your courage and determination to lead the path will bring the successes which will start your new beginnings to be leaders of tommorrow.

As I travel around the world, and as you assume those responsibilites while I am away, as I enter the doors of the Holy Land in Jerusalem, as I roam in Bethlehem where the Holy Infant Jesus lay in the manger on Christmas Eve, as I enter the Pope's Kingdom at St. Peter's Basilica and receive the blessings of Pope John Paul II, my fervent prayers will be for you, that the blessings of Santo Niño and everything you do will bring you the successes.

Donot hesitate and be afraid of failure, ask Him to guide you and give strength and courage, and He will be there. Ask not that which divides us, but that which unites us, then His blessings will be more stronger than ever.

As I climb the Great Walls of China & the Pyramids of Egypt, and as I travel around the world, I will keep on propagating and praising His name!

Our Love and Praise for Him will give us the Glory.

With Fervent Prayers,

Sally B. Famarin

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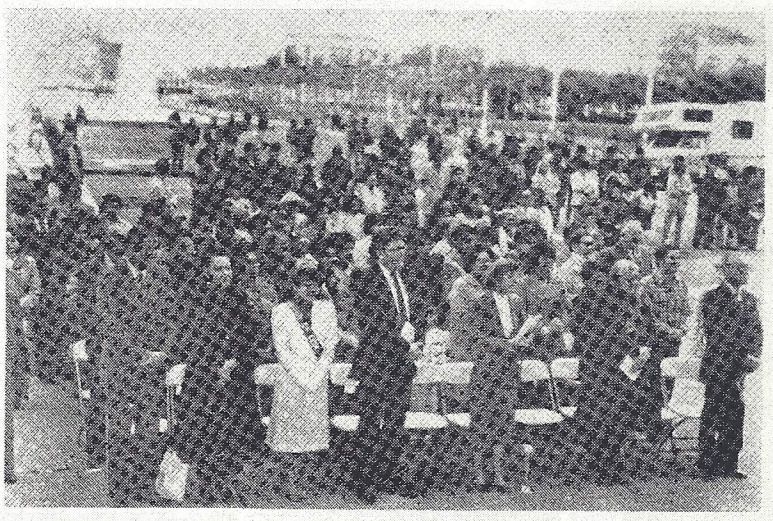


Filipino Fiesta of the Santo Niño de Cebu Week in San Francisco, Jan. 10–19, 1985. Last Night of the Nine Day Novena & Masses was held at the residence of Sally in San Francisco California, U.S.A.

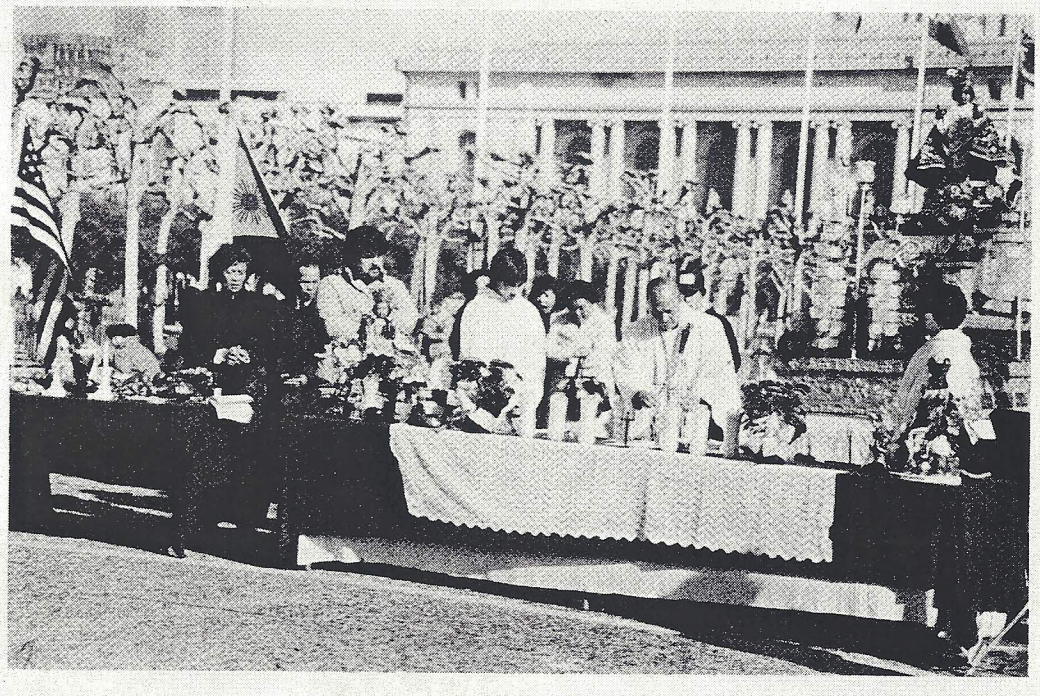




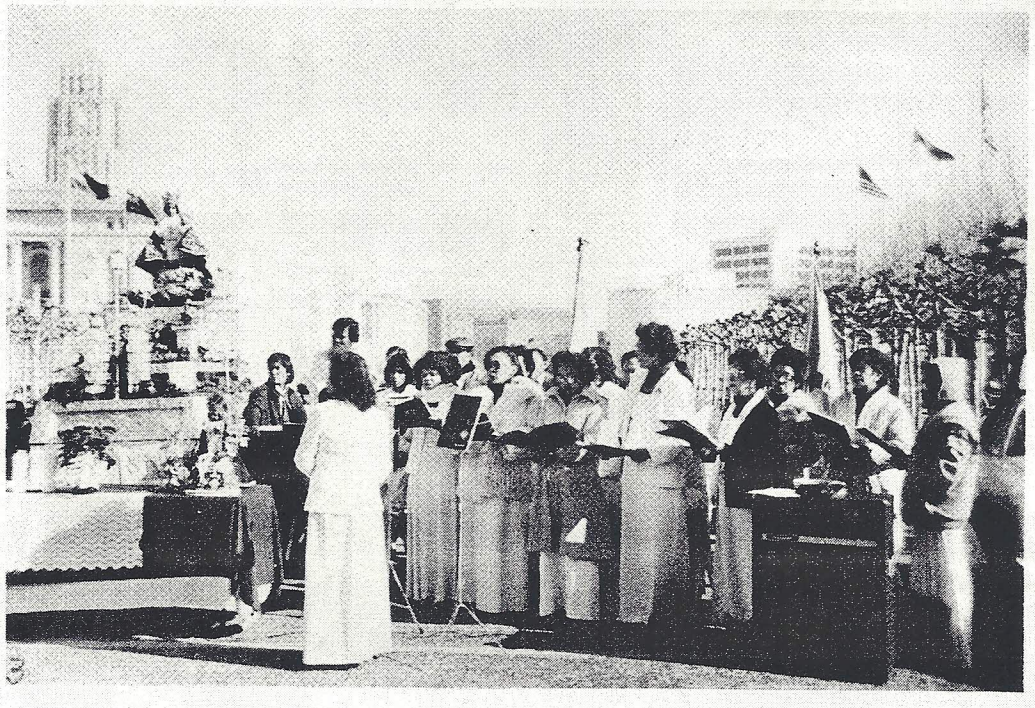
Rev. Fr. Modesto Bonson of the Philippines and the Chaplain of Lions International officiated during the Eight Days. At right, Sally Famarin reading the Scriptures to a large number of devotees in attendance.



As the crowd started to gather at Civic Center Plaza in front of City Hall in San Francisco during the Filipino Fiesta of the Santo Niño de Cebu Week proclaimed by Mayor Dianne Feinstein Jan. 10—19, 1985.



Rev. Fr. Modesto Bonson, Chaplain of Lions International concelebrated the mass during the Fiesta of the Santo Niño.

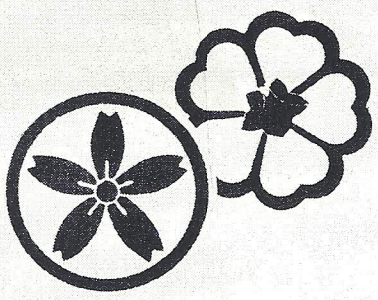


The Filipino Choir of Oakland, California, with Mrs. Rose Dumaguing directress sung during the concelebrated mass.

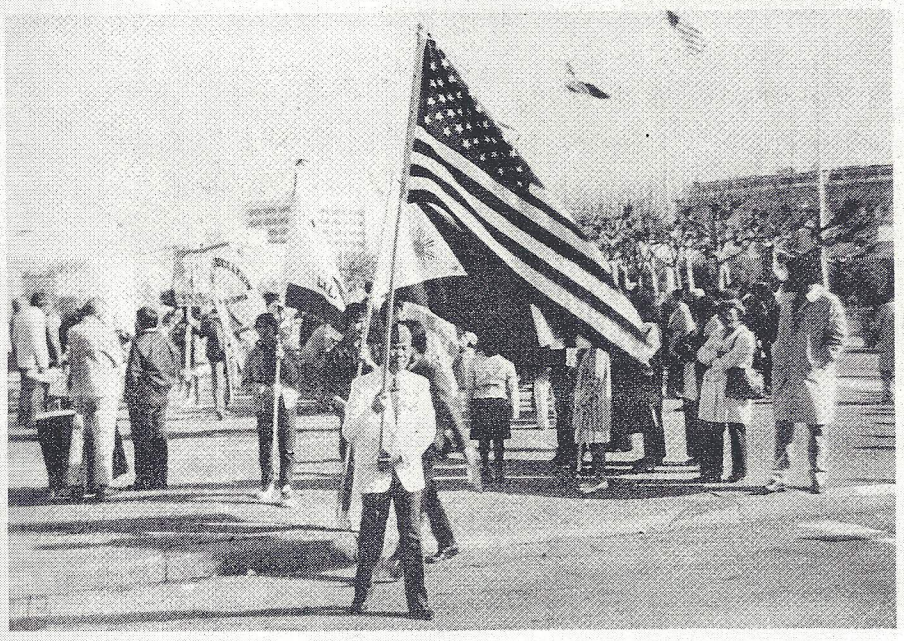
The San Farncisco Police Car followed the Blessed Virgin Mary, then the drums for the Sinulog in front of the Santo Niño Carroza which was followed by the Choir of Oakland, California and hundreds of devotees.

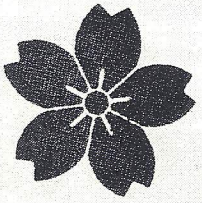






Following the flags and banners is the Santo Niño Family Prayer Group of San Francisco Image, St. Joseph's Carroza then the Blessed Virgin Mary. San Francisco Police officers were Grand Marshalls.





Flags, Banners and Posters led the traditional procession of the Santo Niño de Cebu along the streets of San Francisco, California, USA Procession route was quite a ways.



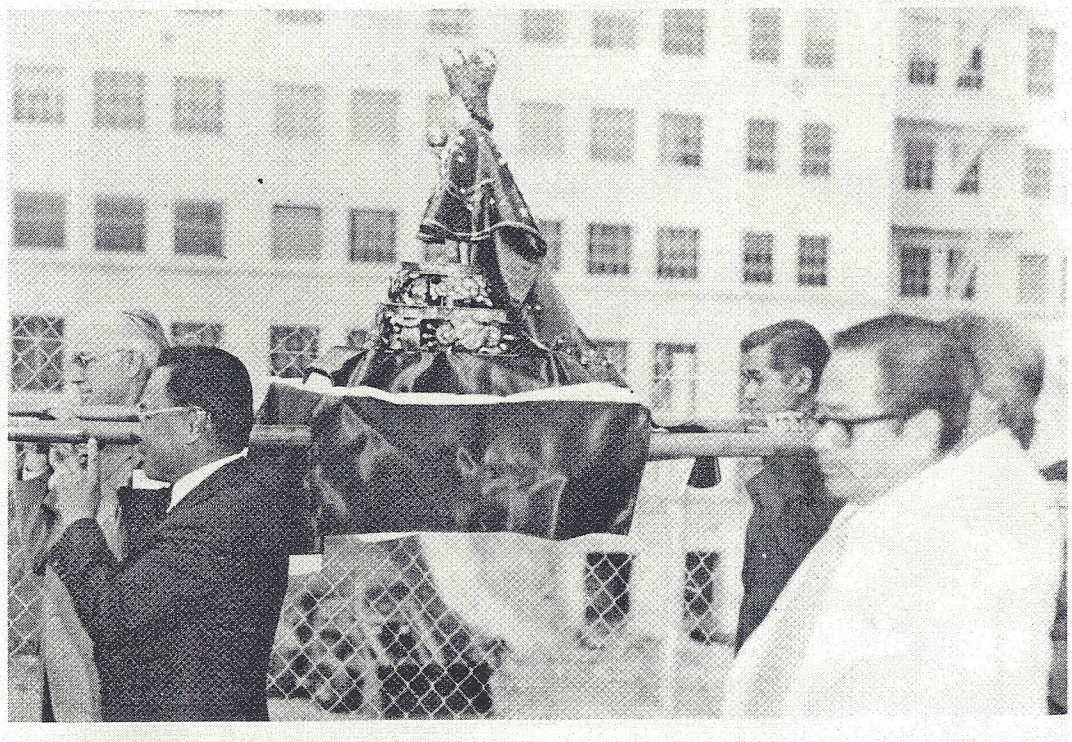
Working on the Santo Niño jewels with John H. Atkinson for the coming fiesta.



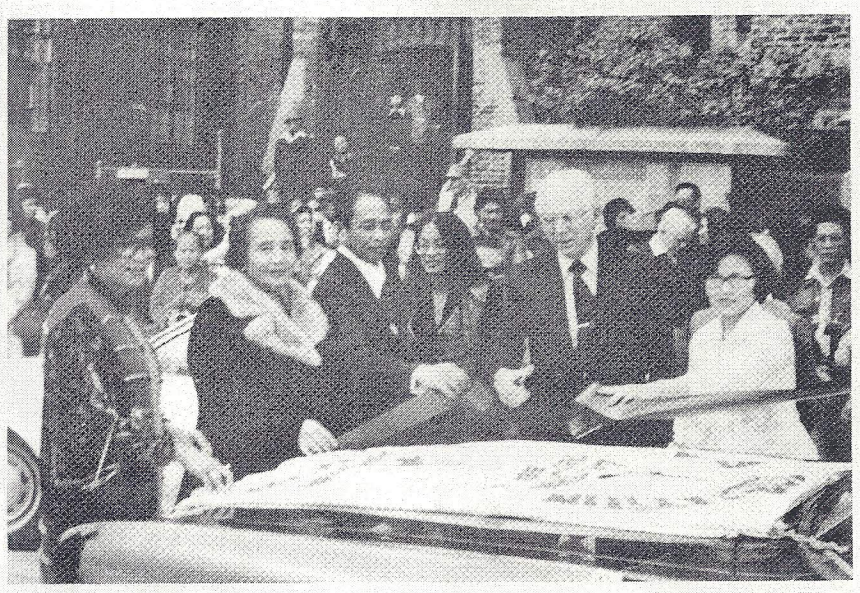
Working hard with the committee for the preparation of the Santo Niño de Cebu Fiesta at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco.



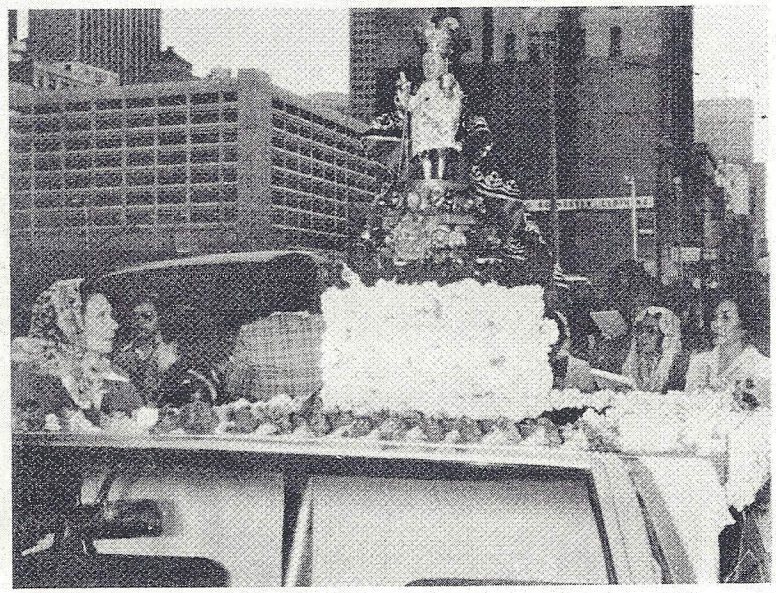
Working hard side by side with Queen of Cebu, Miss Rosalie Canaya and Mrs. Perla Canaya during the big Santo Niño Festival in 1984 in San Francisco, California.



First procession along the streets of San Francisco, Santo Niño carried by Judge S. Lee Vavuris, Consul Gen. Romeo Arguelles, John Osmeña and Benjamin Agustin.

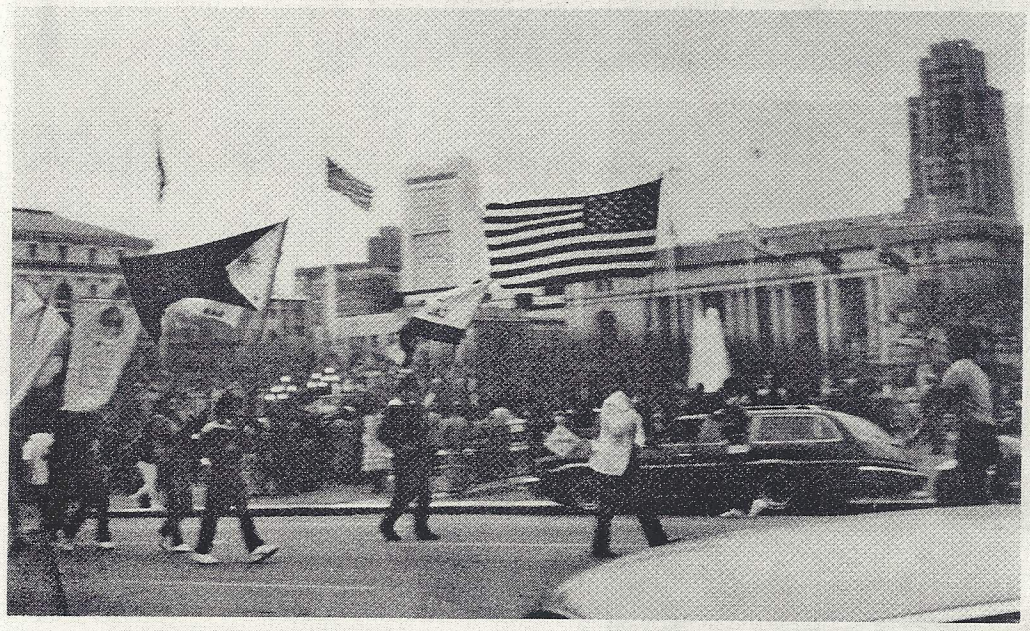


Cutting of the ribbon to start off the first Traditional parade of the Santo Niño by Judge S. Lee Vavuris, Sally Famarin started the Tradition.

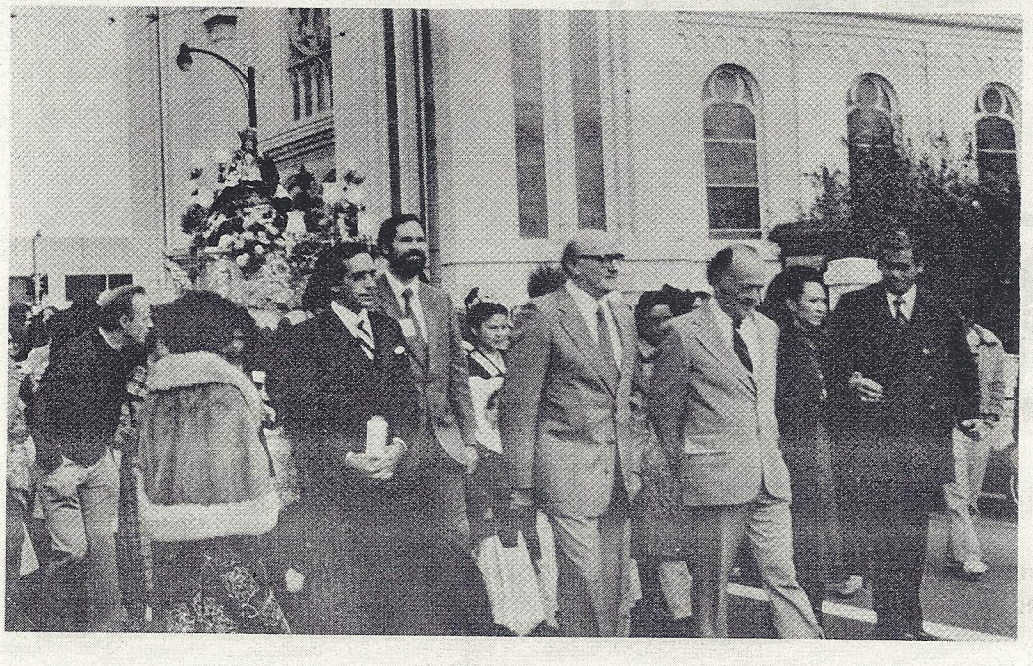


Procession in 1978, the Santo Niño Carroza was bedecked with 5,000 red and white carnation.

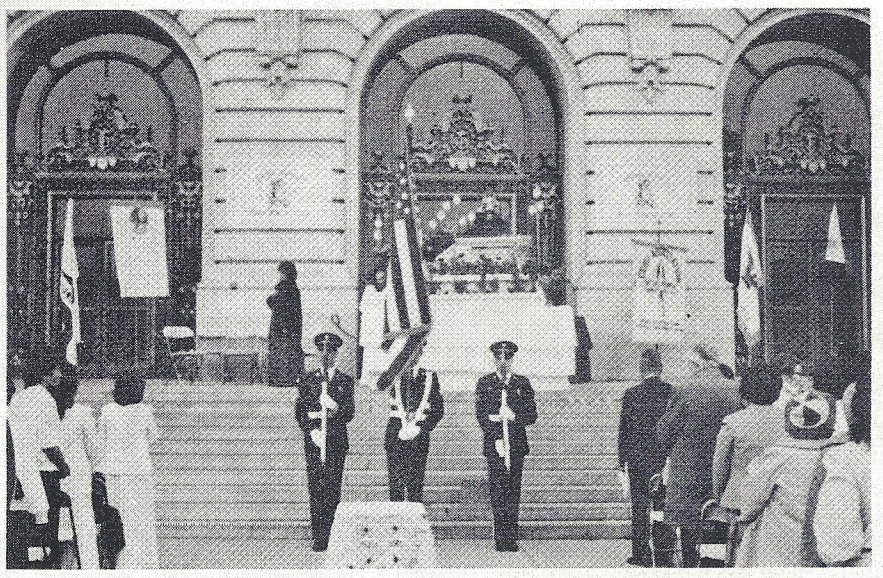




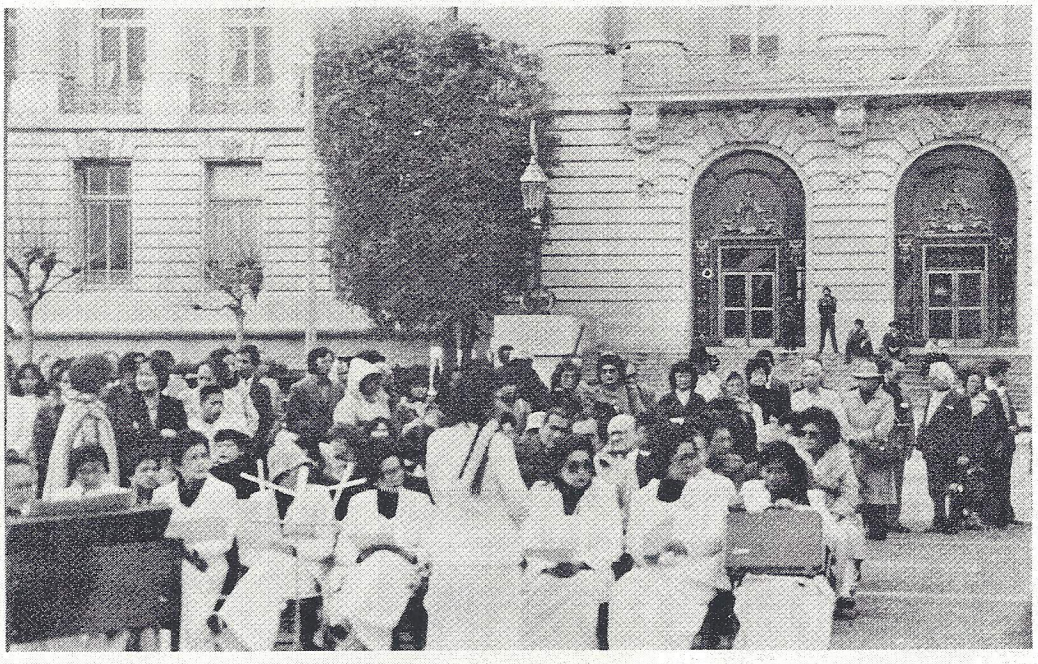
Scenes from 1982 fiesta.
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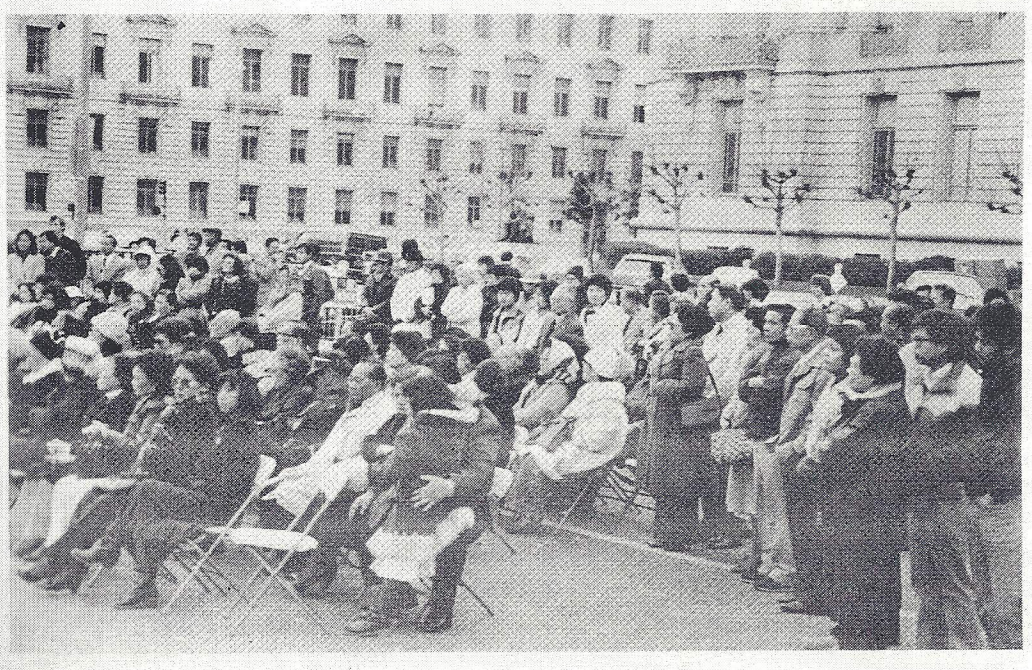
Procession in 1982 headed by government officials.



The Santo Niño Carroza landed at the main entrance of City Hall Landing for the concelebrated mass at the Civic Center in 1983.



The Filipino Choir of Oakland sang during masses of Festival during past years.



Part of the crowd during mass of the Santo Niño de Cebu Festival in San Francisco.



Rev. Benjamin Sargent University of San Francisco Professor celebrated the mass in Festival '84 at City Hall steps.



Sally's reading of the Scriptures at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco during the Festival in 1984 in honor of the Santo Niño de Cebu.



Mass in honor of the Santo Niño de Cebu during the Festival at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco.

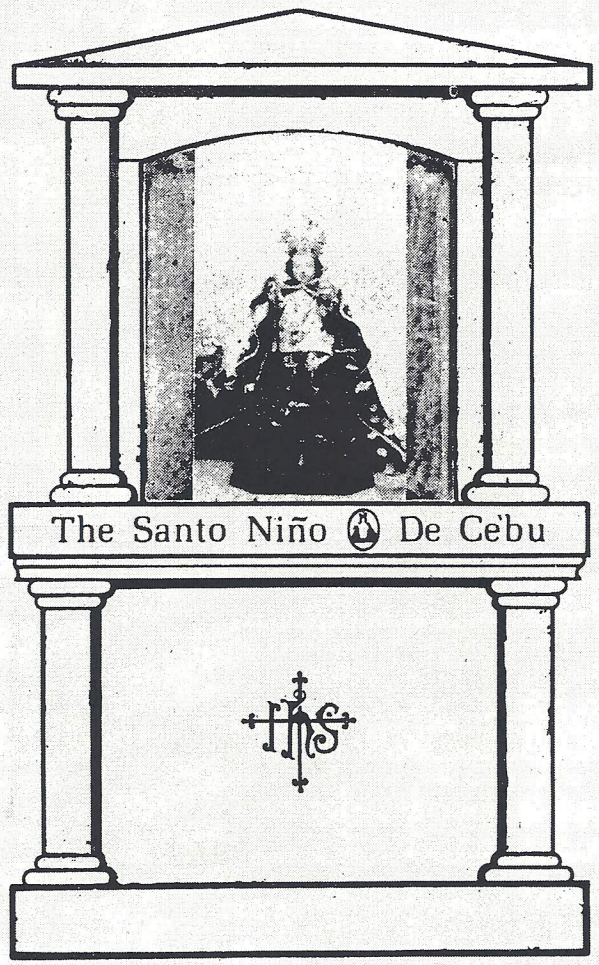
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

La Chapella del Santo Niño de Cebu
St. Joseph's Church
Tenth and Howard Streets
San Francisco, California, United States of America

"Santo Niño de Cebu Shrine Should Remain inside the Church" says Rev. Kirby Hanson: Chancellor, San Francisco Archdiocese.



His Eminence John R. Quinn, Archbishop of San Francisco, "In 1521 the great explorer, Ferdinand Magellan, planted the cross in the City of Cebu. Since that time the Christian faith has grown and florished in the Philippine Islands and this faith has been brought by you to the United States." Recognition Message, 1981.





HIS HOLINESS, Pope John Paul II, from the Vatican: "Culture is the life of the spirit. It is to express in a single word the national identity that constitutes the soul of these people, that survives despite adverse conditions, traits, of every kind the catalysms of history or nature. It is the foundamental and unifying expression of their existence."
FIRST APOSTOLIC BLESSING '82



Commissioner Sally B. Famarin to whose leadership is credited the existence and progress of the fiesta of the Santo Niño de Cebu and His National Shrine in the United States.



Rev. James A. McGee, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church Blessed the Santo Niño de Cebu during enthronement rites on April 22, 1979 and inauguration of the Marble Chapel in 1980.

The 462nd Anniversary Celebration of the
Santo Niño de Cebu Festival
January 14-23,1983
Novena***Mass***Coronation
Traditional Procession***Banquet

"The National Shrine of Filipinos in The United States of America"

BEGINNING SEPT.5,1982 THE SANTO NIÑO DE CEBU NOVENA WILL BE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 4:30 P.M.
THE PUBLIC IS INVITED,PLEASE COME JOIN US.

Greetings

We welcome the Filipino populace and all devotees of the Santo Niño de Cebu not only from San Francisco but from different parts of the nation who have devoted their time, money and efforts to come to San Francisco and be with us on this beautiful celebration of the Filipinos' Patron Saint.

The concelebrated mass, the traditional processional parade of the Miraculous Image of the Santo Niño de Cebu along the streets of San Francisco and the Traditional Carroza, the first of its kind in the United States have given more meaning to the fiesta celebration and the cultural heritage of the Filipino people.

All Filipinos should be very proud of the Chapella del Santo Niño de Cebu, St. Joseph's church, for the enthronization of your Patron Saint, the Miraculous Santo Niño and the shrine you build to show your love for the Holy Child which will bring more pride including all the parishioners of St.Joseph's parish.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parishioners and devotees of the Santo Niño de Cebu, the officers and members of the Cebu Association of California, Inc., and to Sally B. Famarin for your strong devotion, love and adoration of the Santo Niño de Cebu. The Marble Chapel is a lasting memory of all your sacrifices, love and understanding. May it continue to flourish!

The Landmarks Preservation of St. Joseph's church at the time of the enthronization and building of the Santo Niño de Cebu Shrine in the church have made it more significant and meaningful not only to the Filipino people but all our people. This is now part of San Francisco history and will be carried down from generation to generation.

I am very happy indeed to join with you in this most memorable occasion.

James A. McGee

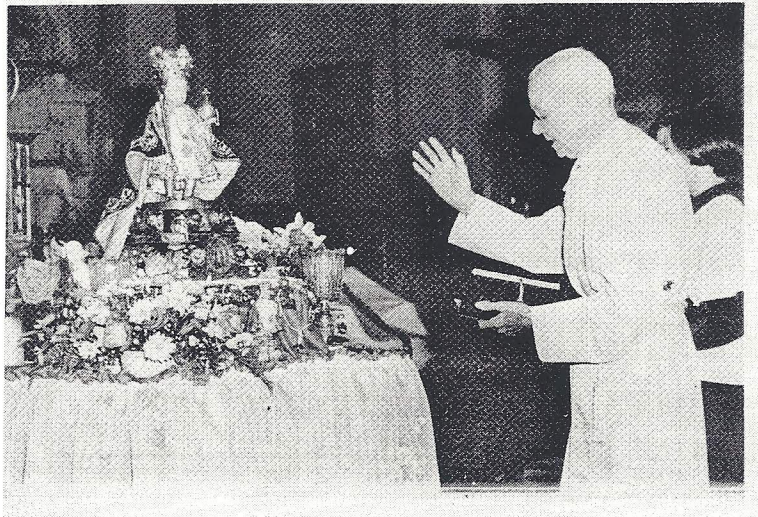
REV. FR. JAMES A. MCGEE
Pastor



St. Joseph church where 1st Enthronization of the Santo Niño de Cebu in San Francisco took place in April of 1979.



The Santo Niño shrine at St. Joseph Church in San Francisco (below).



Fr. James blessed the Sto. Niño during the enthronization rites at St. Joseph's church and the sign erected, La Chapella del Santo Niño de Cebu on April 22, 1979 the first Sunday after Easter.





Ground breaking ceremony of Sto. Niño marble shrine at St. Joseph's Church in San Francisco by Rev. James McGee, Fr. Art Albano and Commissioner Sally B. Famarin.

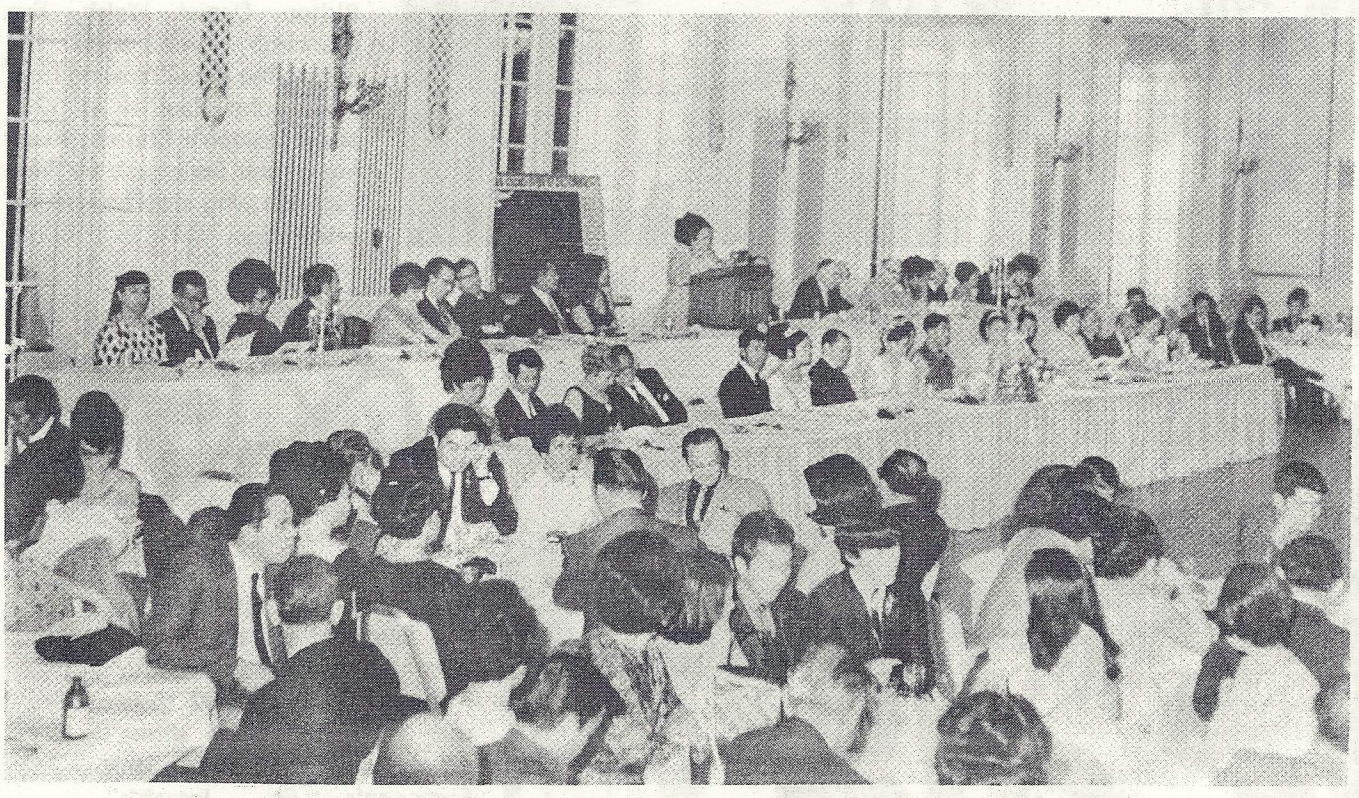
Bishop Daniel Walsh, San Francisco Archdiocese imparted the Papal blessing from Pope John Paul II in 1982 at St. Joseph's Church. Reading of the Scriptures by Sally Famarin who spearheaded the celebration.



Spearheaded by Sally Famarin the Blessing of the Traditional Carroza of the Santo Niño de Cebu in 1980 together with the marble shrine of the Santo Niño at San Francisco's St. Joseph's Church, Fr. Oscar Villamor and Fr. James McGee, concelebrated the mass. Attended by government friends.



Government officials who attended the Santo Niño de Cebu Marble Chapel rites at St. Joseph's in San Francisco, Ca. From left: Commissioner Jean Jortum, Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver, Capt. Ernie Raabe, San Francisco Police Dept. Commissioners Sally B. Famarin and Georgia Megue, District Attorney of San Francisco, Arlo Smith and Miss Vykie Rosales.



Each year during the coronation and ball of the Queen of the Festival Federal, State and City officials with different leaders in the Community gathered to venerate and celebrate the Festival in honor of the Miraculous Santo Niño de Cebu with thousands of devotees in attendance. Through the leadership fo Commissioner Sally B. Famarin the dream to have a center of devotion of Filipino Catholics in the United States has come to a reality.

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February 11, 1981

Mrs. Sally B. Famarin
President
Parish Council of St. Joseph's Church
1415 Howard Street
San Francisco, California 94103

Dear Mrs. Famarin:

I am writing on behalf of Archbishop Quinn to thank you for the very beautiful souvenir booklet which you sent to him earlier this week. The Archbishop is most grateful for your kindness in sending this to him and wishes to congratulate you on the fine work you are doing for the Filipino Catholic Community of San Francisco.

On behalf of Archbishop Quinn, I am
Devotedly yours in Christ,

Milton Walsh

Reverend Milton T. Walsh
Secretary to the Archbishop

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February 17, 1982.

Commissioner Sally B. Famarin
2207 - 28th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

Dear Commissioner Famarin:

We thank you again for your continued interest in our general aims and purposes as evidenced by your gift of the booklet on La Chapella del Santo Nino de Cebu of St. Joseph's Church. It is further evidence of your energetic and worthwhile work in aid of your church and your community.

With every best wish.

Sincerely,

James Abajian

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January 15, 1982



Honorable Sally B. Famarin
c/o Filipino Fiesta
Santo Nino de Cebu
St. Joseph Church
10th and Howard Streets
San Francisco, CA 94116

Dear Sally:

I am happy to be able to inform you that St. Joseph's Church has been placed on the National Register of Historic Sites Friday, January 15, 1982.

I am delighted that we were able to pursue this matter to its successful conclusion in time to mark the annual Santo Niño de Cebu festival.

The presence of the Santo Niño de Cebu shrine, its importance to the Filipino community and the historic role of St. Joseph's Church in the history of our City have all been recognized by the placing of St. Joseph's on the National Registry.

Please convey my greetings and best wishes to all who join with you in the Santo Niño de Cebu fiesta.

Sincerely,

Phil Burton

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Member of Congress

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Officers and special guests of the Santo Niño de Cebu Festival in 1969 at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco, the first elected officers of the Association.



Presentation of the Santo Niño image to the Southern California Chapter, Long Beach, Los Angeles area.



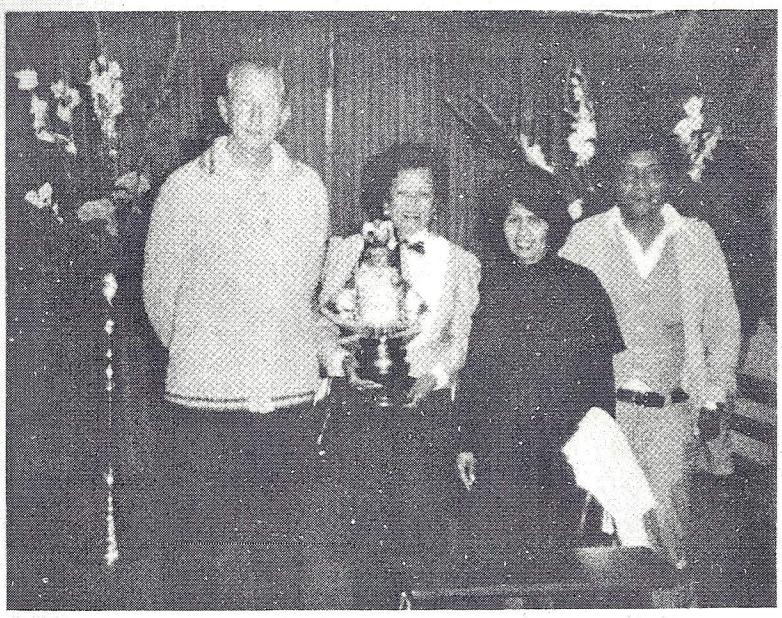
In Los Angeles, presenting the award to Fortuen and Bill Holz organizing the Southern California Chapters of he Cebu Association of California Incorporated.



Outdoor mass and blessing of the image (donated by Miss Felipa Calumping) was celebrated by Fr. Bonifacio Salvaña at the residence of Andy and Annie. Andy and Annie Dabon accepted the Santo Niño de Cebu presented by Comm. Sally Famarin for the Sto. Niño de Cebu Association of Washington formed during Sally's trip to Seattle recently. The Chapter held the Festival on 2nd week of January 1985 for the first time.



New affiliate formed by Sally in Vancouver Canada, Sally Famarin presented the Sto. Niño donated by Gov. Gullas to the newly organized Sto. Niño de Cebu Association of British Columbia, affiliate organization of the Sto. Niño de Cebu Association International. Now in the process of forming Chapters all over Canada.



Sally Famarin presented the Sto. Niño to Fr. Ron Illidge of St. Francis Xavier Church in Goodna, Queensland, Australia.



Samson Sabalones, Executive Secretary of Mandaue City and Sally Famarin organized the Mandaue Association de Santo Niño.



Fiesta Catalina in Hawaii with some members of the Santo Niño Hawaii Chapter.

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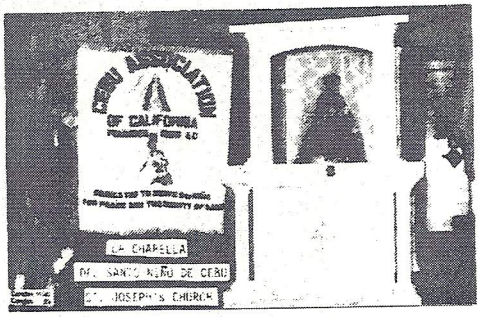
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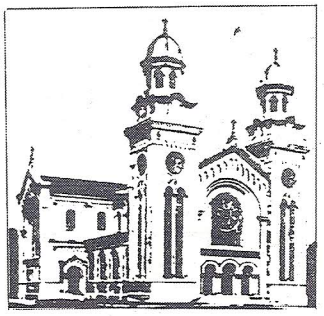


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Authored and endorsed by Sally B. Famarin

Message

Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Nazareno
10 Arne Street,Goodna
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Queensland, Australia

Congratulations on your venture to be with us on the propagation of the Most Revered and Miraculous Santo Niño de Cebu.The Cebu Association of California International,Inc. rejoice with you and our prayers for you as you celebrate the FIESTA OF THE SANTO NIÑO DE CEBU in Queensland, Australia,your adopted country on January 15, 1983.

It is my great honor to convey to you the Apostolic Blessing from Pope John Paul 11 of the Vatican as a "PLEDGE OF STRENGTH AND PEACE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD AND SAVIOR OF THE WORLD."



Sincerely Yours In Christ,

Sally B. Famarin

Sally B.Famarin,Founder

Pres. Emeritus, World Emissary
Cebu Association of California
International,Inc.

Dedicated to serve Santo Niño for peace and dignity of man

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 1969



It is with pleasure and pride for me to note that the members of the Cebu Association of California, Incorporated, our friends, patrons, associates, and the general public as a whole have taken the initiative to cooperate and have given their whole hearted support to celebrate the "Fiesta of the Infant Jesus of Cebu" for the first time in San Francisco, marking it with the appropriate emphasis it deserves.

I have always prayed that strength and courage be given to all our members and that we will see more clearly not that which divides us, but that which unites us, that each hour may bring us the success we have fought for, and the blessings to build and grow, to meet in harmony and sympathy with our fellow members and friends, and through all these we can plan the future with confidence.

I'm very proud to say that the Cebu Association of California, Incorporated for a very short time of existence, has accomplished so much that we have not even dreamt of. All of this is because of the confidence and support our members and friends have given us.

I hope that all these ideals we have developed in ourselves will keep on in our hearts. Through our courage and nobility we can be assured of our fullest success in the realization of our aims. If we fight for these ideals, the victory achieved by our sacrifices will forever stand in our hearts not only today or tomorrow, but always.

Sincerely,

Sally B. Famarin

President and Founder
Cebu Association of California, Inc.

I will answer for you today some of the questions that have puzzled the commmunity for the past few years, especially before our youth who will be the leaders of tomorrow and who will someday help to preserve the heritage of the Filipinos in the United States. I especially recall this today for most of the Filipino priests in the Bay area have in a way indicated their apprehension that by marching through the streets of San Francisco, the people who watch will be laughing at us. My friends, bear in mind that the traditional procession/parade in honor of the Santo Niño is a very great part of this celebration, and that San Francisco is indeed proud of the Filipino cultural heritage —— not just San Francisco but the whole state of California. Governor Deukmejian in his message this year refers to the "rich and colorful heritage of the Filipinos" which, he says, has "added vitality to California, giving our state unmatched diversity and strength." No other city in the United States observes this traditional procession —— only San Francisco, which has opened its streets to accomodate the largest Santo Niño procession outside of the Philippines.

Holding the festival at Civic Center Plaza here at City Hall, and the participation of so many government officials, has not changed the religious celebration into a political event. The heart of the city is the most appropriate place for this most important celebration of the Filipinos in San Francisco, because San Francisco takes pride in Filipino activities, and each year the Honorable Mayor has issued the proclamation of the Santo Niño Festival, and the city, state, and federal officials present each time have only served to uplift the image of the Filipino nationwide.

I urge all Filipino leaders and most of all the youth that in the event that I will fail to function, they carry on and preserve this tradition, for in terms of success and prestige we Filipinos in America owe so much to it!

It is a great honor and pride to greet all devotees of the Santo Niño de Cebu who have come following the magnificent cultural and historical tradition of our people . . .

Nothing could be more significant than the fact that after more than a decade of toil and struggle for the enthronement of the Santo Niño de Cebu in the United States, we now are able to witness the traditional Philippine carroza in a traditional processional parade alon the streets of San Francisco, along with the Mayor's proclamation and the California State Senate Resolution, which paved the way for our religious activities and brought to the forefront the Filipinos' active participation in civic, social, cultural, economic, historical and political matters.

To bring to our adopted land the most sacred of Filipino traits and traditions, to introduce into this adopted country the cultural and historical aspects of the land of our birth, to become recognized all over the nation —— we feel we have accomplished what we strived for. So let it be set on record, let it become part of the history of the Filipinos in the United States, let it be the pride of the Filipino wherever he may be!

The special recognition of Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco is our great pride. And the Papal Blessing of His Holiness Pope John Paul II from the Vatican, which has uplifted the image and honor of the Filipino populace, is the reward of our sacrifices, the crowning glory of our leadership. There's a reason for us to celebrate, to sing Alleluia!

— from the President's pen

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Cebu
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUINIANG BAYAN PANLALAWIGAN OF CEBU, HELD AT CEBU CITY, ON MAY 12, 1978.

Hon. Eduardo R. Gullas, Provincial Governor Present
Hon. Santiago N. Medida, Chairman Pro tempore Presiding
Hon. Delfin M. Quijano, Vice Chairman Pro tempore Present
Hon. Jose D. Canceko, Floor Leader Present
Hon. Aproniano B. Taypin, 1st Asst. Floor Leader Present
Hon. Ranulfo G. Wagas, 2nd Asst. Floor Leader Present
Hon. Bonifacio R. Bacalto, House Marshal Present

RESOLUTION NO. 170

WHEREAS, the Proclamation of the Filipino Fiesta of Santo Nino de Cebu Week in San Francisco, California, United States of America, was made possible by Hon. George R. Moscone, the Mayor of that city;

WHEREAS, the traditional procession of the Miraculous Image of Santo Nino de Cebu and the "sinolog" in the streets of San Francisco was officially sanctioned by the said Mayor;

WHEREAS, those religious activities have made a great name in the Filipino Community in that city and not only Cebuanos but also other Filipinos living in the western part of the United States have been benefited by this religious tradition;

WHEREAS, Hon. George R. Moscone has shown his cooperation with the Filipinos in California in the celebration of the Filipino Fiesta of Santo Nino de Cebu by accepting the position of one of the Members of the Honorary Board of Advisors of the Cebu Association of California, Inc.;

WHEREAS, through his tireless efforts with Commissioner Sally Basiga Famarin, the Founder, President Emeritus and World Emissary of the Filipino Fiesta, Santo Nino de Cebu in San Francisco, Hon. George R. Moscone has set an excellence for the Filipinos and the people of San Francisco to emulate and has cemented the spirit of respect and understanding between the Filipinos and the Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Member Hon. Teodoro C. Villarmia, Jr., duly seconded by Member, Hon. Jesusa G. Arsenal,

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to adopt Hon. George R. Moscone, Mayor of the City of San Francisco, California, United States of America, as an adopted SON of the Province of Cebu, Philippines;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copy of this resolution be presented to Hon. George R. Moscone thru Commissioner Sally B. Famarin, an influential Filipino leader in the Filipino Community of San Francisco.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution.

SANTIAGO N. MEDIDA (signed)
Chairman Pro tempore, Presiding Officer

PERICLES A. QUIJANO (signed)
Secretary

COPY FOR. Hon. George R. Moscone,
Mayor, City of San Francisco, California, United States of America
thru Sally B. Famarin,
2207 - 28th Avenue, San Francisco, California, United States of America

Community Leaders of the World

AWARD

Sally B. Famarin

HAS BEEN SELECTED TO APPEAR IN THE
FIRST COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE OF
COMMUNITY LEADERS OF THE WORLD
IN RECOGNITION OF PAST ACHIEVEMENT
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ASIAN AMERICAN NEWS June 1977

CULTURAL LANDMARK

The State Historical Resource Commission in Sacramento recently approved the recommendation of the San Francisco Landmarks Board nominating the International Hotel here as a "cultural landmark." The p

landmark." The proposal has been passed on to Washington, D.C. and has been nominated to be put on the National Register of Historic Places as a "historic structure."

Now listed in the National Register, the historic Kearny Street sturcture, will become eligible for several considerations:

1. Makes private property owners eligible to be considered for federal grants-in-aid for historic preservation through state programs.

2. Provides protection through comment by the Advisory Council on the Historic Preservation on the effect of federally financed, assisted, or licensed undertakings on historic properties, as stated in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and Executive Order 11593.

Previously, when the proposal was before the National Register, the Register would inform the present owners, Four Seas Development Corp., of its status and give them time to reply.

The significance of the State Commission action is that according to some the special status of the International Hotel was based on socio-cultural importance to the Filipino community. Architecturally, the building is not of any significance, admitted one supporter. Supporters think that this is the first time in the state's history that any building was placed in this special status based on "socio-cultural" reasons.

The newly gained status of the hotel does not prevent the issuance of city demolition permits. Dr. Knox Mellon, director of the S.F. Parks and Recreation Department, said that this designation will assist in safeguarding the hotel from demolition but will not completely insure that the city government will not issue a permit to demolish the hotel. "It," adds Dr. Mellon, "will, however, be reluctant to do so."

The action of the state body was initiated by the recommendation of the San Francisco Landmarks Commission.

Mrs. Sally Famarin, a Filipino member of the city body, testified before the nine-member city board urging passage of the proposal.

She said that since her arrival here in the United States 27 years ago, Filipinos have always referred to this block of Kearny Street as Manila-town. She said that although the building does not have any architectural distinction, the building has an "ethnic identity in San Francisco for one group, the Filipinos."

Although the Filipinos have established themselves in other parts of the city, and even when the "oldtimers" are no longer around, Famarin said the "International Hotel remains important to them (Filipinos) . . . because of the struggle of the younger people for the past several years to save it from demolition."

After Ms. Famarin's plea, the S.F Landmarks Commission voted unanimously to pass their recommendation to the State. Their action reversed previous attempts in 1969 to place it in the favored designation.

The Cebu Association of California

Outstanding Service Citation

Presented to

Sally Basiga Famarin

A founder of The Cebu Association of California, business woman, intellectual and intrepid leader.

She is the only Filipina realtor in Northern California, an active leader in many fraternal, social and civic affairs. Through the dedicated efforts of its founder, organizer and the first elected president of this organization, the ultimate success of the past activities had been made possible.

During her term as president she has proven herself capable of leading and bringing this new organization in the forefront.

All the successful activities in the past two years are the crowning evidence of her achievements, the proof of true leadership.

The members of the association wish her good health, prosperity and continued success in all her undertakings.

San Francisco, California March 7, 1970.

Ambrosio D. Bolo
Vice Pres. Gen. Chairman

Liza R. Agregado
Corres. Secretary
Cochairman

Luz G. Pozon
Recording Secretary
Cochairman

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SAN FRANCISCO

DIANNE FEINSTEIN

June 10, 1980

Honorable Sally B. Famarin
Member, Landmarks Preservation
Advisory Board
2207 - 28th Avenue
San Francisco, California 94116

Dear Sally:

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your excellent service on the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board. I know of the time and the sacrifice you've made and the long hours of meetings and hearings. With reluctance, but with enduring thanks, I accept your resignation.

From time to time as I'm sure you agree, it's appropriate that persons who have given selflessly to the City step aside to allow others to serve the City we all love so much. So it is with true gratitude, on behalf of the City, that I acknowledge your contributions and your resignation from the Board.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
Mayor

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF CEBU
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MESSAGE

I join the host of Filipinos, particularly the members of the Cebu Association of California, Inc. and the Marina Dizon Lodge No. 81, Caballeros de Dimasalang in honoring Miss Sally B. Famarin, Commissioner, Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board, City Planning Department, San Francisco, California.

The recent appointment of Miss Sally Basiga Famarin as Commissioner, Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board of San Francisco, California, U.S.A., is another feather to her cap and deserved appropriately this testimonial banquet in her honor. Truly, Miss Sally Famarin is an exceptional woman to rise from the ranks of men in this very competitive world. As a Filipino, I am very proud of Miss Sally Famarin. I hope that this could be a worthy example for other Filipinos to emulate. To Sally, More Power to you.

Cebu City, July 23, 1976.

EULOGIO E. BORRES
Mayor

"QUOTE" San Francisco Supervisor Harry Brit,

unty of San Francisco has honored Sally Famarin before and some said, why are you doing this again? But when somebody do something nice for you and you say thank you, you just don't stop there and Sally Famarin has keep on doing a lot of nice things for the people of San Francisco. I guess next to our family and the people that care for us personally the most important people are the people like Sally who are out there making sure that things happen in our community. This woman works 52 hours a week, not just during this fiesta. She has been bugging me about this year's fiesta since the day after last year's fiesta. And everywhere she goes the wonderful special spirit that Sally has makes everybody feel good, makes everybody know they can depend on her, makes everybody very proud to have her as a freind. I have come to love Sally very much in the last couple of years and I really want you to know she is an extraordinary person who gave so much and she does it because she cares about you, and in doing that she helps us see how special the Filipinos are and we really care about her a lot. And again on behalf of Wendy Nelder, the President of the Board of Supervisors and all our members and everyone in San Francisco who has been touched by her very special spirit, we want to present this certificate of honor in appreciative public recognition and merit to Sally Famarin in recognition of her tireless efforts and her strong promotion of Philippine Culture and Heritage in all parts of the world."





Ms. Sally Famarin
2207 - 28th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

Dear Sally:

This is to express my appreciation for your invaluable aid and support in the past.

In all of your endeavors you have demonstrated concern and leadership not only to the Filipino community but to the entire City and County of San Francisco as well.

You are known throughout the Filipino community as a leader in social, cultural, and community organizations. Your involvement and dedication to San Francisco is demonstrated by your service as a Commissioner determined to preserve the heritage of San Francisco.

In all of your service to the community, from your active involvement in San Francisco political life to your successful efforts to raise money for the Shrine of Santo Nino de Cebu, you set a standard of uncompromised integrity and leadership.

I am very grateful for all of your assistance and look forward to a lifetime of mutual support and friendship.

Very truly yours,

ARLO SMITH
District Attorney

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Office of the Mayor
Lionel J Wilson
Mayor

TO: CEBU ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

GREETINGS!

As Mayor of the City of Oakland, I am pleased to extend warm greetings and congratulations as you celebrate your Thirteenth Annual Fiesta honoring the Santo Niño de Cebu at St. Joseph's Church in San Francisco.

As you celebrate "FIESTA OF THE SANTO NIÑO DE CEBU WEEK" on January 9-18, 1981, allow me to take this opportunity to commend each and every one of your officers and members for their leadership, dedication and determination in fulfilling those efforts and goals to promote friendly and productive relationships between Filipinos and Americans.

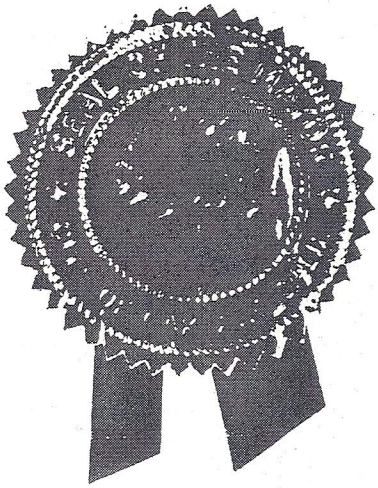
We here in Oakland are certainly aware of and appreciate the many significant contributions made toward the betterment of our community by our citizens of rich Filipino heritage.

The official City family joins with me in offering all best wishes for a most successful and enjoyable celebration and for continued success.

Sincerely,

Lionel J. Wilson

Lionel J. Wilson
MAYOR





J. H. OSMEÑA CO.-California
730 Stockton Street, San Francisco, California 94108 (415) – 273-7589 433-1691

24 September 1974

Mrs. Sally Famarin
2207 28th Avenue
San Francisco, California

Dear Sally,

I would like to congratulate you on the honor that you have received and through you, our people.

I learned of it quite by accident last Friday as I was leaving "Victor's" at the St. Francis Hotel where I had dinner with a few friends. My first impulse was to enter the Hall where the testimonial was being held but chose not to, as not having been invited, it would have been an improper intrusion.

With your example, I am certain that our people in the United States will receive the recognition they have long deserved and earned.

Mabuhay!

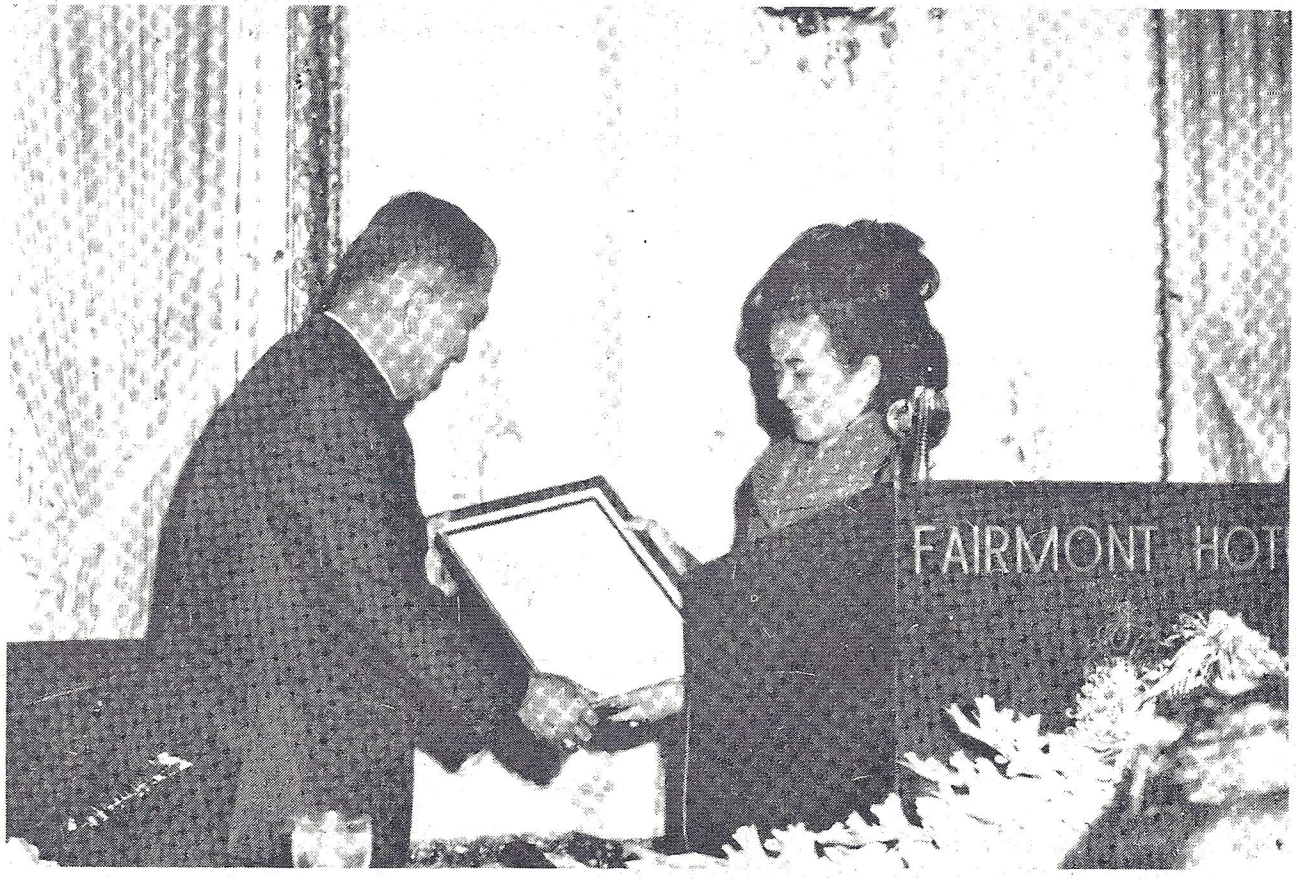
Very truly yours,

JOHN H. OSMEÑA



A chat with John Osmeña at the Mabuhay Gardens of San Francisco during the installation of officers of the Cebu Association after the split up.

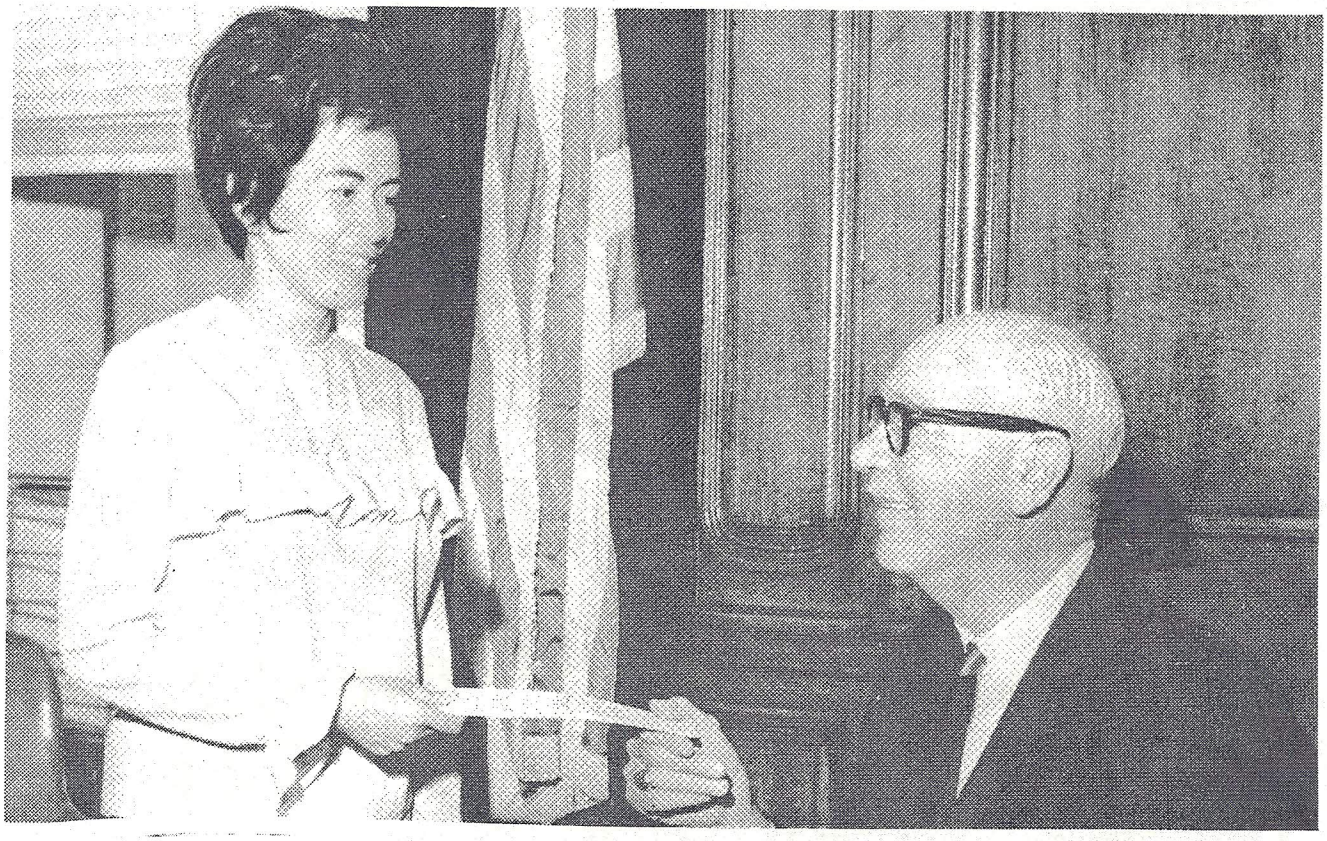
Cables "JOSMEÑA SAN FRANCISCO"



Cardinal Julio R. Rosales of Cebu was presented with a scroll by the Cebu Association in 1969-70 during a dinner held at the Fairmont Hotel, hosted by Dr. Rodolfo Duterte of San Francisco. Presenting the Scroll is Founder and President Emeritus, Sally B. Famarin. The President Emeritus hereby quotes part of the Cardinal's speech of thanks: "I thank the Cebu Association of California for the scroll presented to me. I will always value this highly for it is the first gift I have received since being ordained as a Cardinal."



At right Ambassador Romeo Arguelles, Consul General of the Philippines received the Golden Cup Award for his dedication and untiring efforts from Sally.



FIRST FEISTA TICKET FOR MAYOR SHELLEY — San Francisco's number 1 citizen, Mayor John F. Shelley, proved showing once again his abiding interest in Filipino-American affairs, purchases the first ticket for the week-long Fiesta Filipina scheduled in San Francisco November 7—14. Presenting the ticket is Sally Famarin. The Fiesta Filipina is a pet cultural project of the Filipino-American Council of Northern California.



1974 FIL-AM FRIENDSHIP WEEK QUEEN

AMY MAMARIL, 1974 Filipino-American Friendship Queen, is shown with her court, other beauty candidates and officials of the 1974 Filipino-American Friendship Week celebration last June 21 during the Beauty-Talent Pageant and Coronation held at the Imperial Ballroom of the San Francisco Hilton. Shown with Queen Amy are from left: (front row) Bernardita N.Yap, member of the advertising committee; Rosita Arcol, celebration coordinator for the East Bay; beauty contestants Bernadette Bautista, Precy Ludovico, Gigi Mabasa, third runner-up; Grace Alcantara, first runner-up; Queen Amy Mamaril, Joanie Jane Harrison, last year's Queen; Desiree Lozada, second runner-up; Maruja Medalle, fourth runner-up; Helen Arias and Olivia Cardona; Polly B. Arzaga, general executive chairman of this year's Fil-Am Friendship celebration; Rose Standal and Sally B. Famarin, general co-chairman of the Friendship Week celebration and chairman of the Beauty-Talent Pageant, respectively. In back row are: Gibson Alvaro, vice president of the Fil-Am Council of San Francisco, sponsor of the celebration; Cris D. Kabasares, press coordinator; Dr. Amancio Ergina, president of the Fil-Am Council; Mike Magdaluyo, chairman of the cultural affairs committee; and Commissioner Art Amada of the Commission on Aging.

Police Activities League

Be it known all men, that

United Auto Workers

San Francisco Police Activities League program, to provide an opportunity for young people of all faiths and creeds to develop and exhibit their skills in various fields of endeavor. Be it also known that this contribution was made without promise of immunity or reward, in the same manner that police officers are freely donating their time and energy through this program in contributing to the welfare and well being of the community of San Francisco.

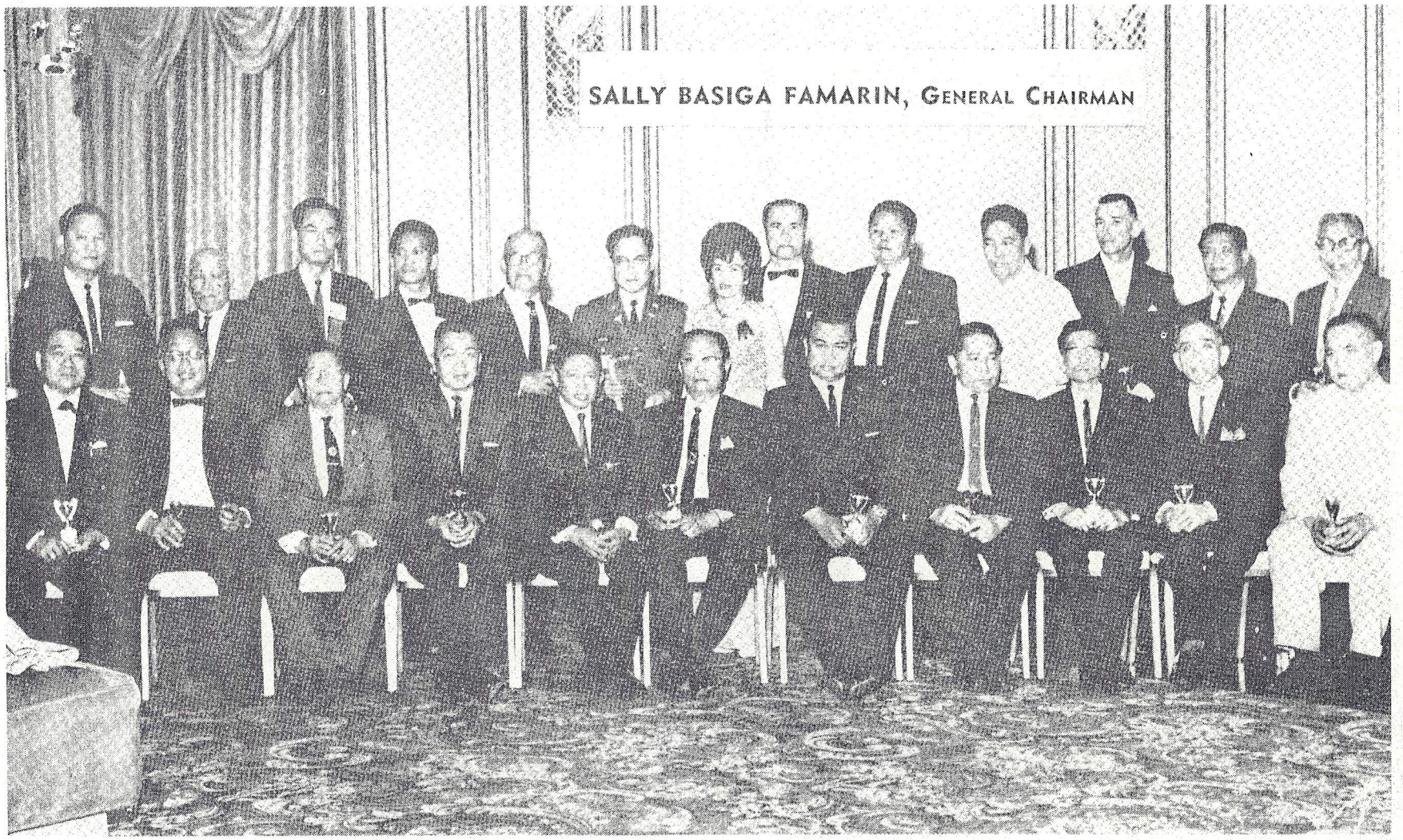
Inscribed this 11th day of Mar., the Year Our Lord, 1977

President, Police Activities League

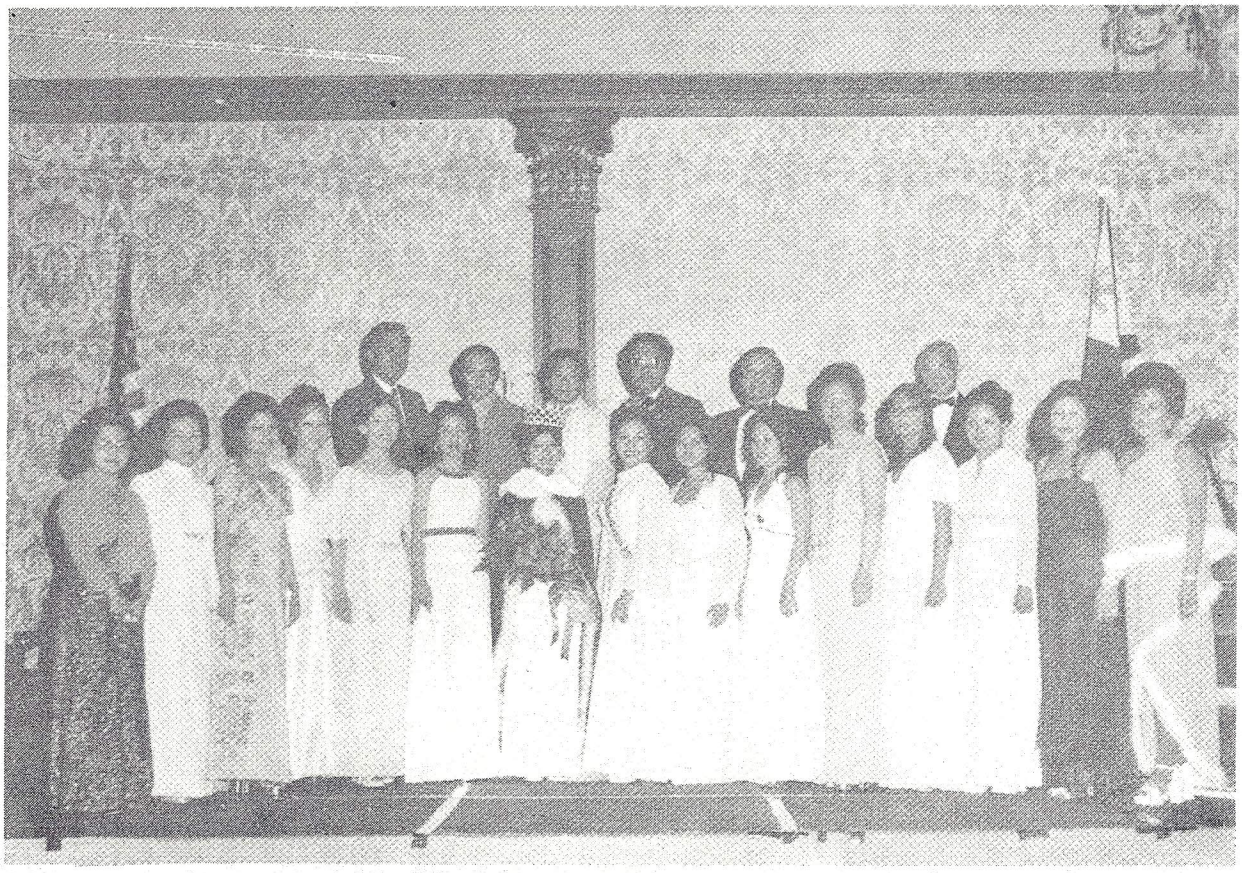
25th ANNIVERSARY
SAN FRANCISCO
POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:
SALLY B. FAMARIN
IS A MEMBER OF THE
PAL BOOSTERS
Conrad J. "Connie" Grieder
P.A.L. BOOSTERS PRESIDENT

EXPIRES AUG. 1984



To these men we owe our deepest respect for the heroic struggles they gallantly fought 25 years ago on the battlefields of Bataan and Corregidor for the cause of freedom and to preserve our democratic ideals.



Officers of the Fil-Am Council and Candidate for the Queen of Fil-Am Friendship Day with Committee Sally Famarin, Beauty Pageant Chairperson.

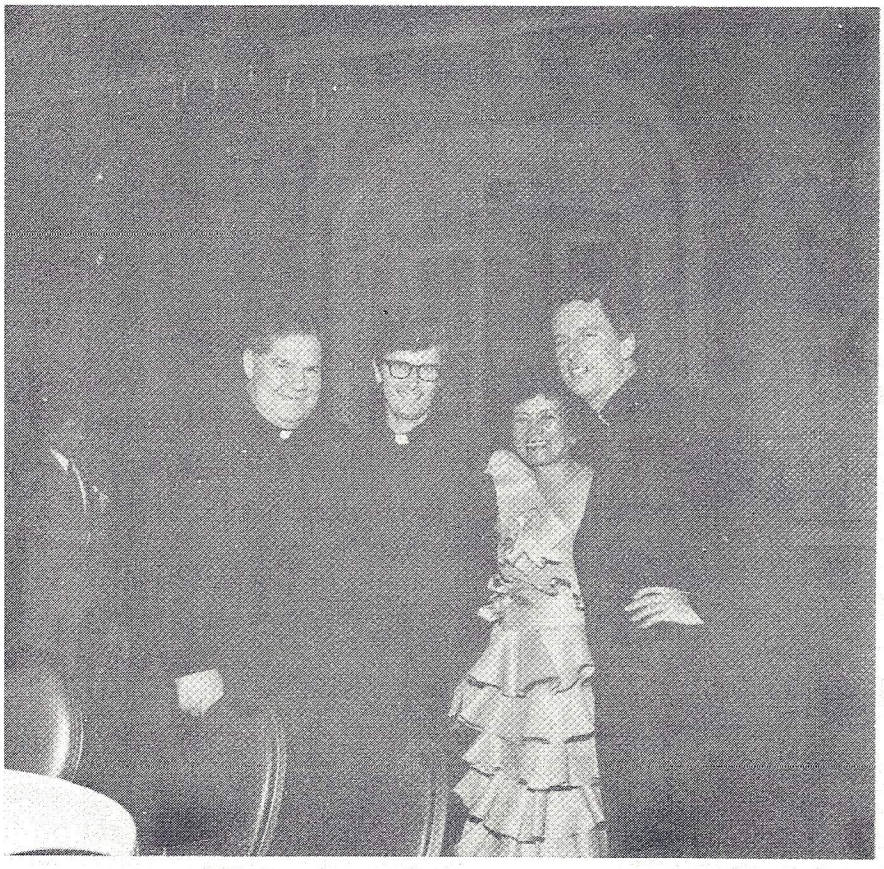
"CONGRATULATIONS! YOUR SUCCESS NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE ME. SINCE MY CORONATION, YOU HAVE MADE ME FEEL PROUD OF YOU AND YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. BUT MORE IMPORTANT YOU'VE TAUGHT ME TO BE PROUD OF MYSELF. OF EVERYTHING WE HAVE DONE TOGETHER, I APPRECIATE THIS THE MOST. THANKS SO VERY MUCH SALLY!"

PEACE AND HAPPINESS TO YOU, SALLY!"

LOVE,
AMY MAMMARIL
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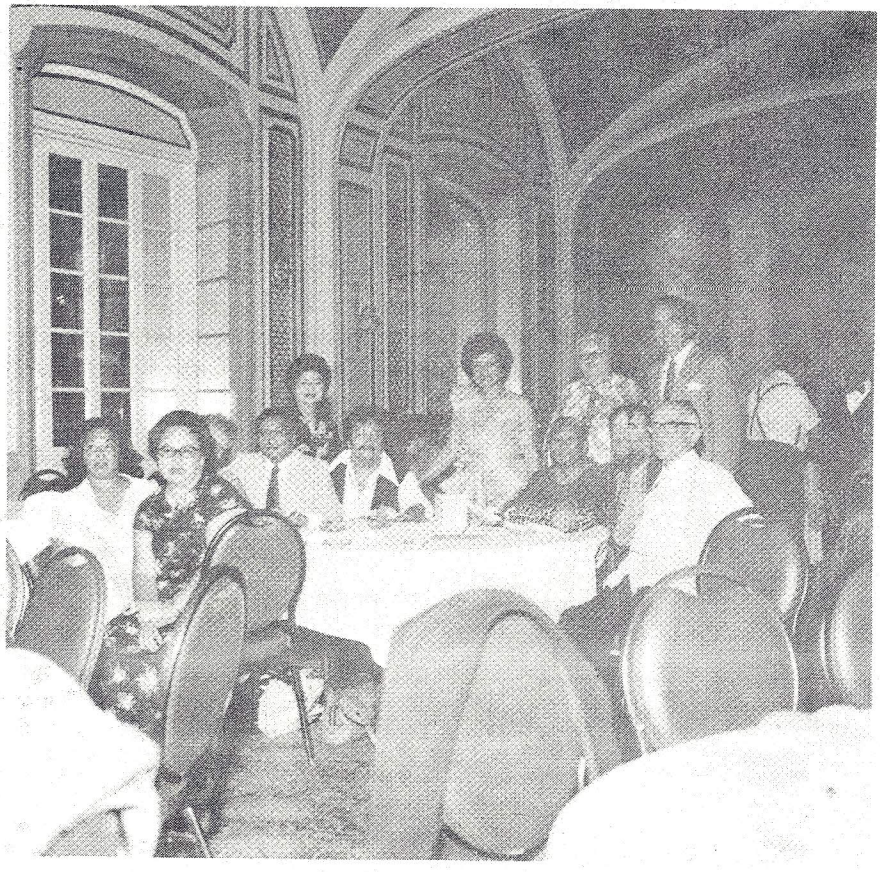


Sally Famarin giving Fr. James McGee's Eulogy during his Golden Anniversary Celebration of ordination to the priesthood, Fr. McGee said on his acceptance speech; "This woman is really something, I was not supposed to know about anything until the day of my testimonial. She just goes on and on, I don't think she ever sleeps."



Priests flocked around Sally Famarin during the Golden Anniversary of Fr. James McGee of St. Joseph's Church.

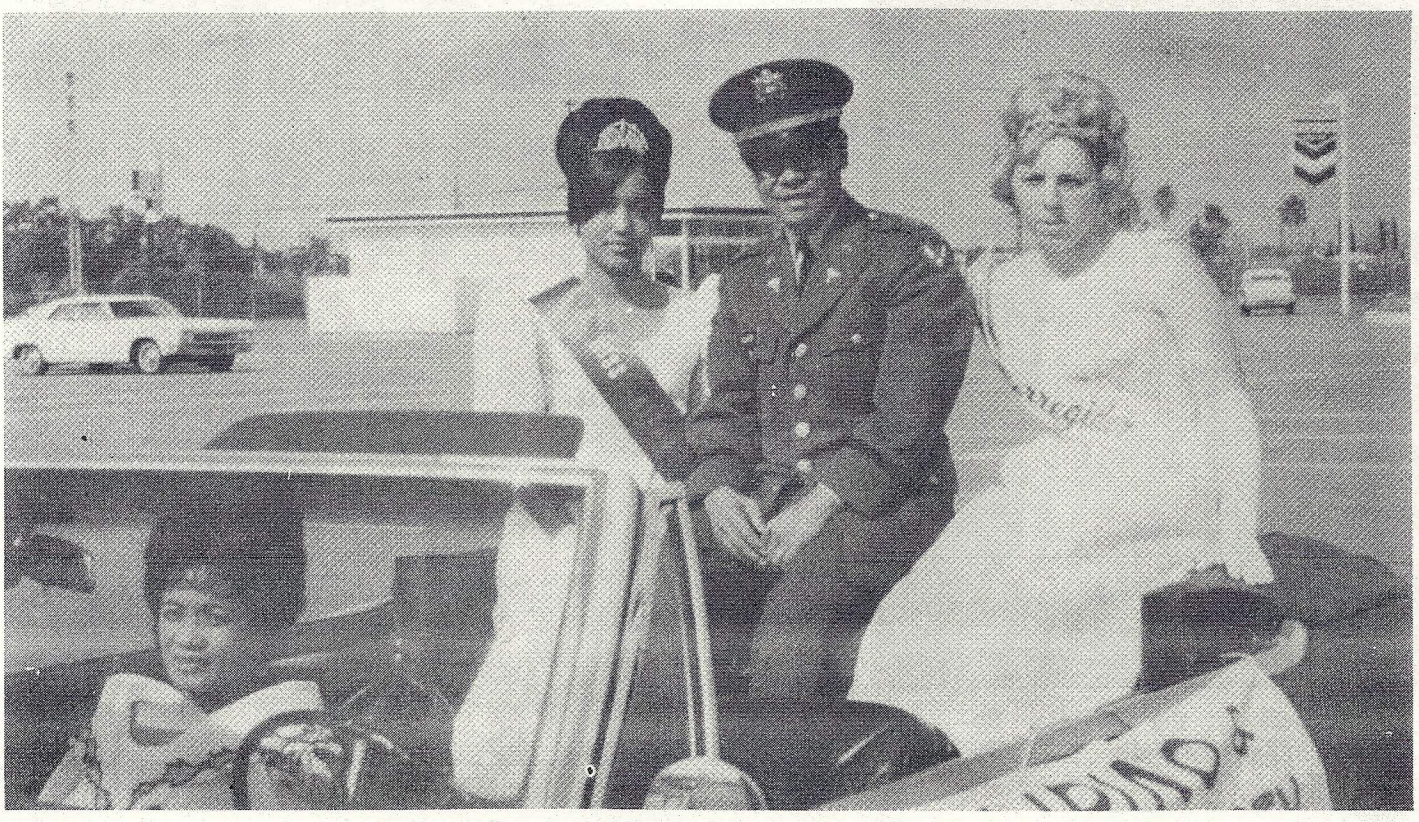




Banquet and Ball at the Sheraton Palace during Fr. James McGee's Golden Anniversary to the Priesthood.



Sally chats with colleagues, Landmarks Board Commissioner of San Francisco.



25th Anniversary Parade during the fall of Bataan and Corregidor in Pittsburgh, California.



Sally one of the hostess in a party at Sacramento California at the State Capitol Former Vice-Governor Reinecke, MC of the evening.



Sally poses at the City Hall Rotunda in San Francisco.



Presenting the trophy to Queen Jeannie.



A special Guest at the Jack Tar Hotel, Sally sits by supervisor Ronald Pelosi of San Francisco.



Sally, the honorary adviser of the Fil-American Senior Citizen of San Francisco and the Bay Area in 1983 during the Installation of officers. Sally acted as Minister of Ceremonies.



Judge Ina Gyement and Commissioner Sally Famarin during the opposition of the beautiful Carroza of the Santo Niño upon its arrival in the United States.



Commissioner Sally B. Famarin presented her donation of the Nuestra Señora de la Soledad to the President of the Cavite Association in 1979 during the Festival in November.



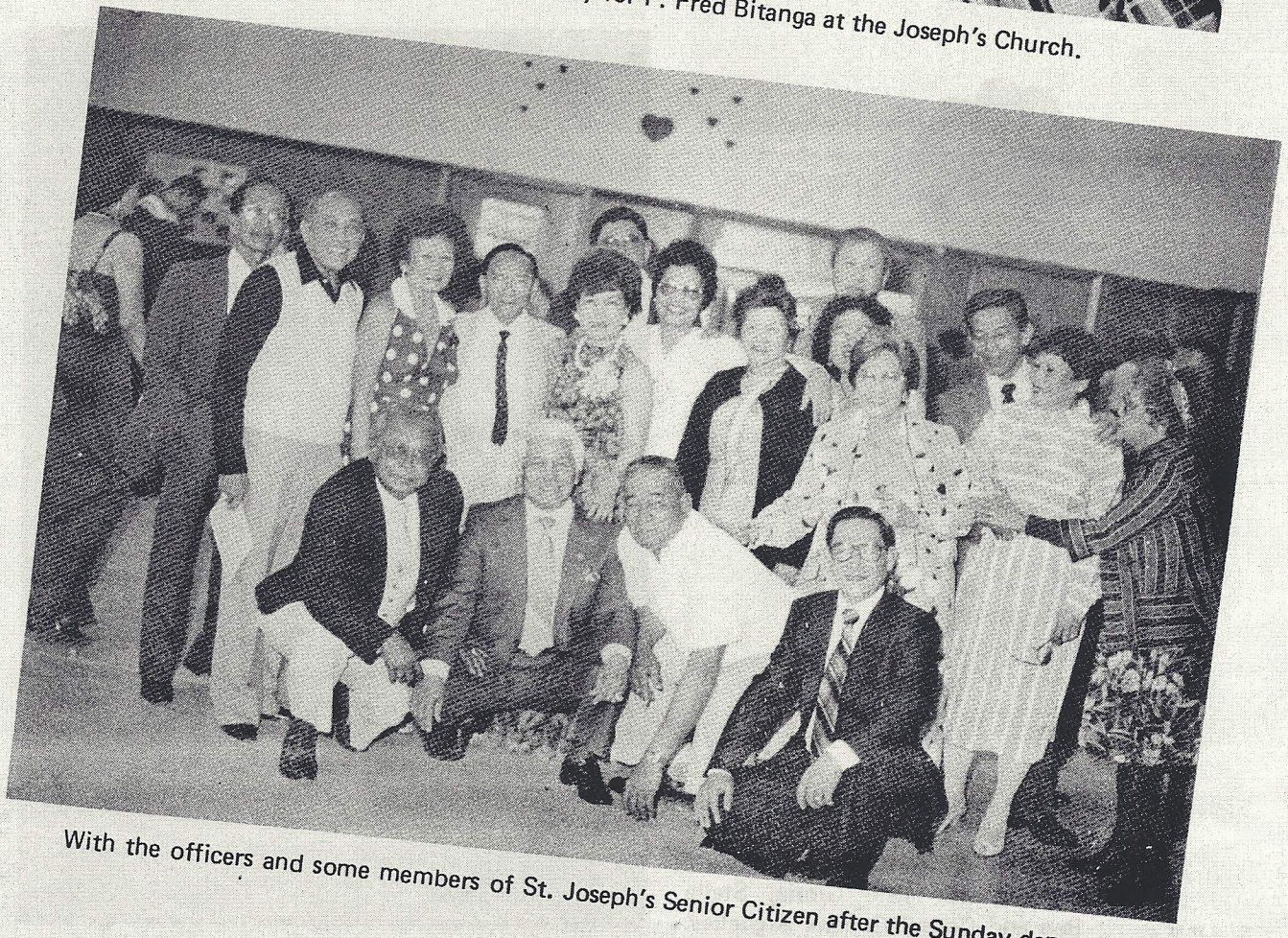
A party at Sally's residence in honor of Supervisor Richard Hongisto of San Francisco.



At the entrance of the office of the Mayor of San Francisco with now Mayor of Cebu City Ronald Duterte, his wife Gloria, Stella Ben and Consul General Arguelles.



Sally spearheaded the reception party for F. Fred Bitanga at the Joseph's Church.



With the officers and some members of St. Joseph's Senior Citizen after the Sunday dance.



Sally Famarin, one of the Special Guests during the Coronation and Ball of Queen of Fil-Am Senior Citizens of San Francisco. Sally and her gift to Cavite Association of California, a statue of Our Lady of Sorrows whose Fiesta is celebrated in San Francisco every November.



Sally and her gift, a statue of Our Lady of Sorrows.



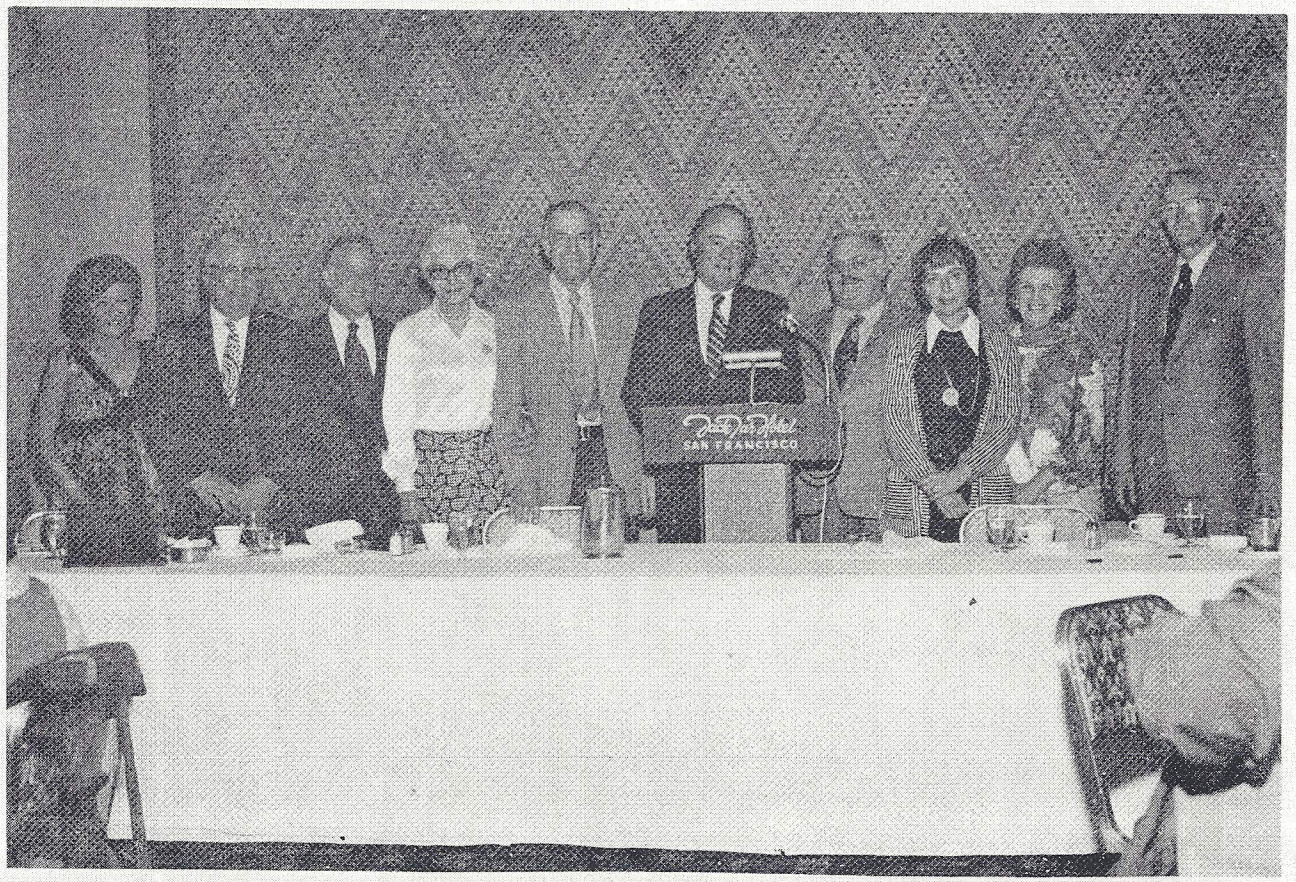
Sally delivers a message to the Fil-Am Council during the Banquet and Ball at the Jack Tar Hotel with the Consul General Samson Sabalones and other leaders in the Bay Area.



Ronnie and Gloria Duterte with the Cebu City delegation, Oct. 29, 1977 in a visit to Mayor Moscone.



Photo from left shows: Bataan Day Queen, Miss Rose Francisco, Sally B. Famarin, General Chairman, Silver Anniversary, Fall of Bataan & Corregidor and Miss Alice Crisen Miss Corregidor during the celebration in San Francisco, California April 9, 1967.



Sally Famarin, a special guest during the Health conference with delegates from different parts of the State and Senator Milton Marks.



Presenting the life membership certificate of the Cebu Association to Senator Milton Marks.



With Consul Manuel and Developer Raymond Pryke of Apple Valley, California.



Executive General Chairperson, Golden Anniversary Bay Scouts of the Philippines, West Coast Region, Banquet and Ball a courtesy call to Mayor Joseph Alioto with Committee and Scout Chairgovernor M. Baretto.